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Later references.
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 10 A, 11, 15, 16, 18 & 21.

Part B. for June 10.

SUBJECT.

Conservancy arrangements in connection with the Mahamastakabhishekam ceremony at Sravanabelagola.

10A. From the Residents & pilgrims of Sravanabelagola, letter dt. 24. 3. 10. complaining that no scale of fees has been fixed for the levy of octroi duty and that visitors are teased for taxes.

11. To Presdt. Dt. Bd Hassan, no. 8982 dt. 2. 4. 10. calls for a brief report of the jatra, after it is over.

15 from Chamabha & others of Bangalore, letter dt 16. 3. 10. Prays for the abolition of the pilgrim tax etc. on pilgrims attending Sravanabelagola.

16. From Santabha & others of Mandya, letter dt. 17. 3. 10. Do.

18. G. R. S. 58 from the Presdt. no. 5088 dt. 15. 5. 10. Submits a brief report of the jatra.

Go no. 10936 dt 13. 6. 10. Records the above, with an observation.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 238/09

FILE HEADING.

Conservancy arrangements in connection with the Maha Nadakarishekara ceremony at Shravanabelagola

From

Residents & pilgrims of Shravanabelagola

No. Dated 25 Mar 10 Received 29-3-10

Diary No. 6918 | Enclos. | Spare Copies | Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Complain that no scale of fees has been fixed for the levy of octroi duty at the above ceremony & that visitors are taxed for lakes.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

2) Dewan's order thereon.

To 1st Councillor with Compliments. This is evidently the petition referred to in the telegram.

(Sd) T. A. R 29. Mar 10

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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3) To day please. Put up copy of telegram. Has no scale of fees been fixed

(Sd) K P.P. 24.3.10

4) Please also obtain the scale of fees sanctioned for communication from Branch VII & put up for orders

(Sd) K R 24/3/10

5) ~~Copy of~~ Telegram d 26th March 1910 from Nagarajiah of Chitaldroog to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore

'Present Amildars having some object in mind gives extreme troubles to many thousands of Jains & others in the Maharaja. Please transfer him and send another immediately & oblige"

6) The levy of toll on carts to coming to Sravanabelagola & of fees on shops thereat was sanctioned in G.O No 7707-8 dy LS 238-1909 4

^ obtained from the Dewan's office is as noted below: —

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2nd March 1910 and the file is pending orders of Govt in connection with ~~the~~ ~~and~~ question of an additional grant of Rs 2000/- for meeting the expenditure connected with the Sanitary arrangements to be made for the ceremony. The file was sent to Council Section on 22nd March 1910 for being circulated.

7) An immediate requisition has been sent for the papers of the ~~Municipal~~ Branches.

8) Submitted for orders

Dsmy 9) The complaint co. 29/3/10 that octroi duty is being levied - The levy of octroi duty has not been sanctioned -

10) In the case of stalls, shops and sites used for the erection of sheds, rates have been fixed -

1st Cr) 29.3.10. [illegible]

11) To avoid delay the file was personally submitted to the First Councillor and he was

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pleased to direct that the petition may be sent to the 2nd Councillor at Sravanguda with his D.O, copy put up. The D.O was marked urgent & posted yesterday.

12) The file of papers received from Branch VII is also put up.

13) The President may be requested to submit a brief report of the gains after it is over & the petition may await the receipt of the final report of the same.

14) Submitted for orders.

30/3/10 15) Yes. A brief report may be called for from the President - please put up draft.

30.3.10. [illegible]

16) Draft submitted

30/3/10 [illegible] 1st Cr) 30.3.10. [illegible]

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17) Approved [illegible] 31/3/10

18) Issue.

31.3.10 [illegible]

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.	
11	19) To President of Board Kasaba Nº 8782 of 2.4.10 (Request him to submit a brief report on the gaiety soon after it is over
	20) The petition forwarded to the 2nd Committee has been returned with a X D.O dated 4 April 10 that the cause of dissatisfaction has since been removed. The First Committee has ordered on the D.O that it may be filed.
	21) The receipt of the report on the Gaiety called for in Sl 11 supra may be awaited.
	22) Submitted.
	12/4/10
	23) Yes.
	14.4.10.
15	24) From Channappa & others of Bangalore - Nº 11 of 10 mar 10 (Dy 627). Pray for the abolition of the pilgrim tax on pilgrims attending Sravanabelagola.
	25) Dewan's order thereon.
	Case settled. File
	(Sd) J. M.
	14/April/10.
	P. T. O.

* Pays 15-4 of the notes

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File

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16	26) From Sanitary Commissioner Mandya Petn dt 17 March 10 (D 7641). Protests against the levy of pilgrim tax.
	27) To First Councillor with Compliments (Sd) J. A. R. 4/4/10
	28) Branch W (Sd) KPP 19/4/10
	29) Submitted for information. DW Sd 23/4/10
	30) File 26.4.10 RWS
18	31) From the President of the Sth Board No. 508 dt 15th May 1910 (D 8296) as called for in sl 11 submits a brief report on the jatra at Sravanabelagola
	32) This may be simply recorded.
	33) Submitted for orders with draft-
	34) An observation has 18/5/10 been added in the draft order - Submitted for approval 18/5/10 19.5.10. RWS
	35)

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Serial No. 27

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21.5.10

The report is very interesting and may be deemed worthy of perusal by H H the Maharaja

Dewan

21/5/10

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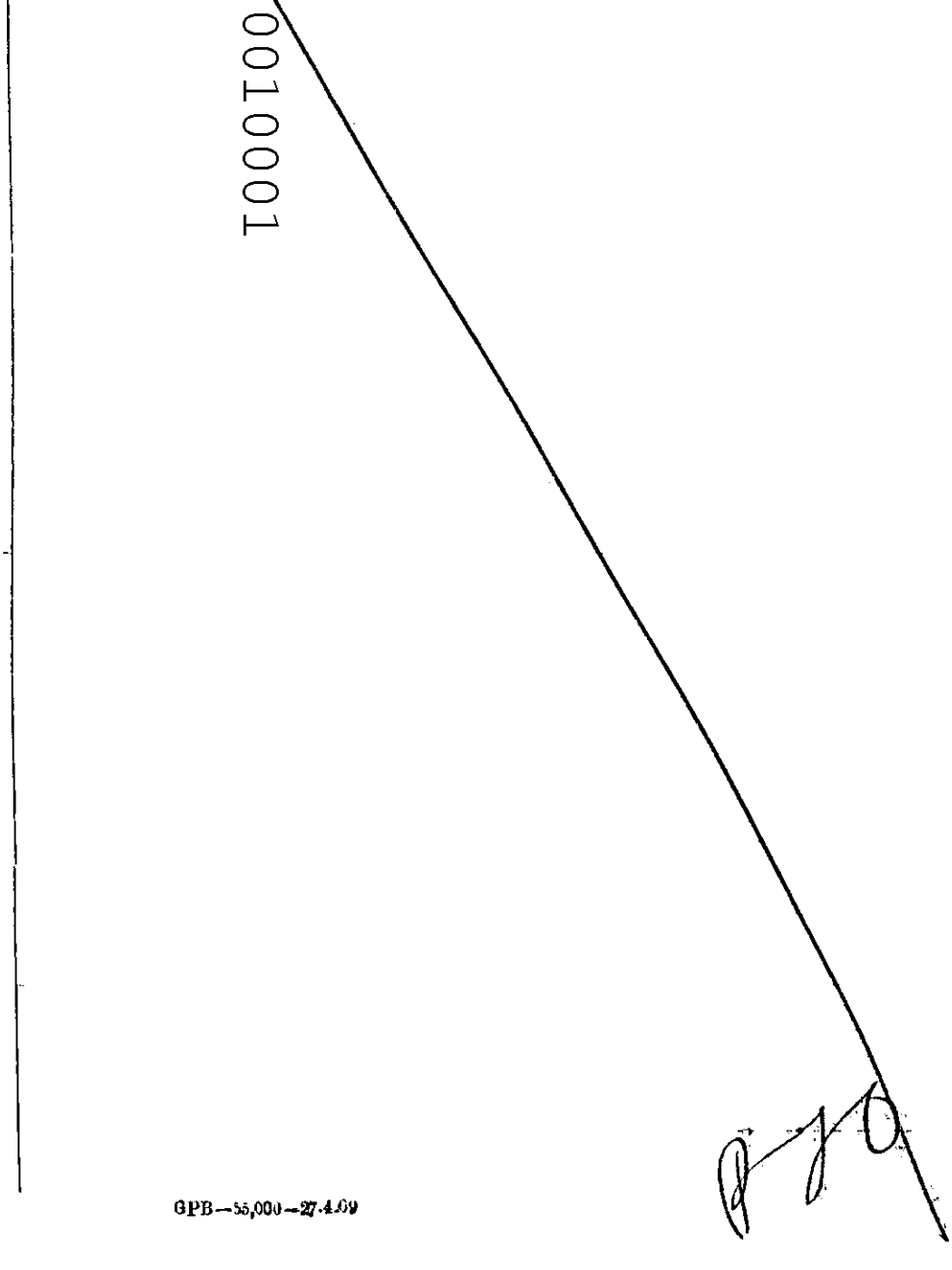

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Cos file no. 238-09

Submitted to His Highness.

Paper under disposal.

36) I submit for perusal the accompanying report received from the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan on the arrangements made at Sravanbelagola, in connection with the Mastkabhishekam ceremony to Sri Gowtameswaraswami in March last.

37) 2. A draft order expressing satisfaction with the arrangements made is also submitted for approval.

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Cos file no 8296 9 9
238-09

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Report from the Deputy Comm. of Hassan, on the arrangements made at Sravanabelagula in connection with the Mastāka-bhishekam ceremony to Sri Gowtāmēswara Swamy in march last.

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Order.

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39) Seen

42) Issue
7.6.10

40) 7/6/10

41) 6/6/10

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21	43 To President Bd Board Hassan no 10936 & 13 June 10. Records the report with the observation that the arrangements were satisfactory.

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Bangalore
29 March
1910

My dear Mr Ranjindayr

I send herewith
the Petn from the
Jains of Sravana
Belgola against
the Amildar of
Channarayapatna
for actor duty

on any article has
been sanctioned
to be levied.
a scale of fees as
overleaf has been
sanctioned
How the Municipal
Council levy 20 & 30
rupees as shop tax
is not clear. The

maximum is Rs 10
As you are the
spot, you may
make such enquiry
as you deem proper
& dispose of the
complaints.
(Kind regards)
Yours sincerely
K. Muthiah

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Markets & market dues

1st class gavali angar Rs 10-0-0

2nd class. China Copper &
brass wares 8-0-0

3rd class. Miscellaneous
articles including chillares.
angadis 6-0-0

4th class do ang Kinaler
scale 3-0-0

Village sites for shops at 8 annas
a shed.

Rates of toll

Each laden conveyance Rs as. 4-0

" empty 2-0

each laden animal 0-1-0

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Branch IV

File

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

W/W/10 I.N.S. 305/W/10.

Bangalore
4 Apr 1910

My dear Mr. Puttannachetty

This petition and your letter reached me this morning here. I therefore return the petition for being disposed of in due course.

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1910.

No. 1600

Name of Petitioner— Residents and pilgrims of

Village— Sravana Belagola

Taluk— Channarayapatna

District— Hassan

Date of Arzi— 24 March 10

Date of Receipt— 29 March 10

Date of Disposal—

No. of Enclosure— Nil

ABSTRACT.

Complain that no scale of fees has been fixed for the levy of Octroi duty at the Sravana Belagola Mastakabhishekam Ceremony, and that the Amildar is taxing the visitors for latrines and that in consequence sometimes none left & others are not coming in

Mr Chamier
Mr Hamilton

Please send the petition referred to this telegram

LB 23 & 09
SC 10A

Branch IV

Today please put up complete file. Has no scale of fees been fixed?

KM
29/3/10

Please also obtain the scale of fees sanctioned for Channarattle from Br VII & put up for orders

KM
29/3/10

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Rd at 4 PM

GPP - 500 - 21-2-10

1) Received by post reg. No. 73

2) Stamp - hil.

2) Encl: hil.

29/3/10.

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M. Dharanendraiah

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G.A.S. 28.]

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Diary No. of letter replied to 1948

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue 9.2.10

Signed by M.K.M.

READ— G.O no 7707-8 (GS 238-09)-4 dy the 2nd March 1910 sanctioning the proposals of the Sri Rangam Municipal Council in connection with the Conservancy & other arrangements to be made at Srirangam & Melugote on the occasion of the Mahamastaka-abhishekam ceremony at the place. Order thereon No. 8782 (GS 238-09) dy 2-11-10. The President is

over

SUBJECT.

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requested to submit a
brief report on the gala
soon after it is over.

Yours
for Secretary
593-13/1

KRM

To the President of the Board 31/3/40
of Hassan

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Consolidated file with the Village Map

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No. 1584

Name of Petitioner— Chairman [illegible] Temple

Village— Bangalore

Taluk— —— do ——

District— —— do ——

Date of Arzi— 10th March

Date of Receipt— 11th —— do ——

Date of Disposal—

No. of Enclosure—

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ABSTRACT.

Praying that the restriction imposed on pilgrims attending the Sravan Belgola celebrations in the shape of pilgrim tax, tolls, &c. may be abolished — Petrs are the Jains of Bangalore —

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Received
1. 11. 13.

No 1584.

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Y. Chandrayah

M. Bhaumudian

E. a. Paramaraj.

R. Bramha Suriah

J. B. Devaraj

N. Gnanachiah

N. Padmanabiah.

K. Yanthappa

B. L. Mylarayya

Ponnaiah

S. Padmarajaiah.

G. Nagakumaraiya.

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To

First Councillor

with compliments.

Branch IV

19/4/10

No. 1628

Name of Petitioner— Santappa Jotheto

Village— Mundya

Taluk— —

District— Mysore

Date of Arzi— —

Date of Receipt— 17th March

Date of Disposal—

No. of Enclosure—

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ABSTRACT.

This is a petition of the Jain residents of Mundya against the imposition of the Pilgrim tax, following the recent Mahamastakabhisheka ceremonies at Sravana-Belgola.

24.3.10.

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మైసూరు సంస్థానద దివాణద కవచాం
ద మేజు. టి. ఆనంద రాంజుగవర
—ఇదాబిధీ—

ఈ లేళశకుబు మంత్రిరువ, మండళ్ళద
జ్యేనభక్తాదిగళు, మంత్రంబీ మాంత్యం
తిరువ అధవాలీ అబీ. ఆజాబు —

—o—

1 ఉలెదినదడియ పున్న రాంయరట్టి దాళ్ళు
నిశ్చయవాగిత్తు. "శ్రీవత్సాంబోళగుళవేంబ" బ్రీ
ద్విషీ శ్రవ్య. దిగ్గోశబ్ద. ప్రశాద్ధాంశనవ్న
మకరే మంత్రిళ్ళ స్థళాంశిత్తే.

ఈదన్ని ళదక్ష, "ఆ నీలాం మ తోట్టద" క్షా
మియాంశ. మహారాస్త్ర కాబ్రి షీలం, వ్రూం
భీంశాత్ర వగళు, బ్రీ శోడీ ప్రదాబ్ది మరణ
దింద ఉక్కు. ఉన్నోరు. వశిష్ఠర్ల బంద మేళ
ఆ గర్భద్ద, ఆ ఉదారాంశ్రయంద ఆ వర్ష
మహాంబ, రాంబఆ. ర్ష్ట్రాంభవతియు బుద్ధ
దర్శారవరు, మొంశాసనాం దంయుమాంతిసిరువ
శ్రీ దివరి బోళగుళద నిం బ్రభవుంటాన
వశిష్ట నోళ్ళి ఈంభేశి ఉంటాడ బ్రీ నర్మ
క్షా మివళ్ళవరు(గుళుగళు) రోంట్లాళి ప్రభ
సంస్థానద, ఆ లక్ష్మీ శోదన క్షా మివళ్ళవరు
మూలభేవుంథ. వింవశిష్ట నాగశేంలీలెయు
ప్రీంయుంటు కాలవళ్ళన్ను నిశ్చార్థద అధికారి
గళు, దయు మాంతిసి శ్రీంభోజ్ఞత్రవ్న వారక్షేవళు
ఎందం శ్రీంభనంతా రయుంవదింద ఆవెం
రవళుం బ్రీంట్లదే బిడళ్ళలు మ్యాగారియింద
నలోదు బ్రీరుత్తే,

(II) భక్తి నళ్ళ సహాయంతో దింద తేలికోమ్మే
నీంచి కొల్లు లా శుభ్ర ప్రారంభమాత్ర, ఇ
ప్రళ్ళ శుద్ధిచేసి ఆ నీళ్ళను పోర్టబుల్ చేసుకోవచ్చు
అనుకుంటే. మహాసముద్రం కొంచెం దూరంలోనే
ఉన్నందున తీసుకువెళ్ళడం,

— ఈ రాజధాని. ఇందులో ఇన్నళ్ళే
— కొలంబో, ప్రధాన, వ్యాపారాలు, ఇంకా
— ముఖ్యమైనవి; పెద్దలే నడిపే వ్యవహారాలు
నీళ్ళు ఇవ్వడం లో ప్రారంభించడం ఇంకా ఇంకా
ఇ నగర్ల అభివృద్ధి ఇంకా, జీవనవిధానమే
లేని ప్రదేశాల్లోనే. ఇంకా ఎక్కువ వ్యవహారాలు
ఉన్నాయి. కాబట్టి.

(III) ఈ ప్రారంభించడానికి కొన్ని కూలీలు. ఇది
నీరు ఉన్నవారిలో అల్ల వీ. వీరి సాధారణ నళ్ళలో
గ్లాసు ఉన్నారు. ఇవ్వడానికి ఇష్టపడే ఇనవారు
కొన్ని రోజులు ఫ్రీగా ఇవ్వడానికి అనుకున్నాడు -

(IV) ఈ ఇది ఒక్కొక్క నీరు నళ్ళలో
ప్రారంభించడానికి ఇంకొన్ని నళ్ళు
తీసుకు వస్తే, అన్ని నళ్ళలో. మొత్తం
నిర్ధారణ నళ్ళలోనే ఇరుక్కుపోయాయి.

(V) ఇ నీరు ఉన్నవాళ్ళు. రెండు నిర్ధారణ నళ్ళను
తీసివేసి. మళ్ళ పట్టుకుంటే. ప్రధాన వరకు
ఉంటే, కుళాయి. ఉన్నట్లు. అనిపించింది
ఇంకా, ఇంకా ఇంకా. అనుకోవడం. అన్ని నళ్ళ
మీద ఉన్నాయి. తాళ్ళు ఉన్నట్లుగా అనిపించాయి. నిం
చుకున్నాను, నీరు వస్తోందని, అనుకుంటున్నట్లు
ళ్ళలో. ఇక్కడ ఉన్నట్లు ఉన్నట్లు, ఈ నిర్ధారణం
ద నళ్ళలో లుంచి నీరు వస్తోందని, విషయాన్ని
దాన్ని ఎలాగు తీసుకోవాలని శక్తి లేదు. మొ
నందరూ ఇ నగరాల వ్యవస్థ లో. ఆలోచిం
చి. మళ్ళ మళ్ళీ ఆ ఇ ను నుంచి. నలిసిపో
తాయనుకున్నాం ఆశ్చర్యపోలేదు, కాని ధైర్యముతో
కి,

1909-10.

From P.R.W.Wetherall Esq.
Deputy Commissioner and Presi-
-dent, District Board, Hassan.

To C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esq; B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Dated 10th. May 1910.

Despatched 15th idem
camp Arkalgode

Received 17-5-10

General No. 508 — S

Camp No. 159.

Enclosure No. Orde.

Subject.

Submitting a brief report on the jatra at Shravanabelgola in connection with the Masthakabi-
-shekam to Sri Gomateswaraswamy.

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1909-1910.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
and President, District Board,
Hassan.

Dated Hassan 10th. May 1910.

From,

P.R.W.Wetherall Esq.,
Deputy Commissioner and
President, District Board,
Hassan.

To,

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esq., B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to Government Proceedings No.8782/L.B.238-09-11 dated the 2nd. April 1910, requesting the submission of a breif report on the Jatra at Shravanabelgola, after it is over, I have the honour to state as follows:-

1. Shravanabelgola is an important village lying between two rocky hills called Chandrabetta and Indrabetta, in the Chennarayapatna Taluk. It is the chief seat of the Jain Community being the residence of the principal Guru of the Jains. The colossal statue of Sri Gomateswara is on the summit of Chendrabetta, usually known as Doddabetta, the altitude of which is about 3300 feet above the sea level. The Jatra at this place was in connection with the performance of the Mahamastakabishekam to the image of Sri Gomateswara. This ceremony comes off at long intervals, the one prior to the recent jatra having taken place in 1886-87.

2. The celeberation of the ceremony was arranged by the Guru of the Shravanabelgola Jain Matt and its disciples, and it was decided by them to hold the festival during Palguna month of Sowmya Sumvastara, i.e., from the 14th. March to 5th. April 1910. Considering the fact that Shravanabelgola is an

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important place of Jain pilgrimage in the Dekkan, on account of its numerous Jain Bastis of Historic antiquity, coupled with the rare occasion of the Mastakabishekam festival, it was expected that there would be a large concourse of devotees from various parts of India. Consequently it was deemed necessary ~~that~~ to make suitable arrangements ~~should be made~~ to safe-guard the health and safety of the assembled people. These chiefly consisted of Sanitary and Police arrangements.

3 With a view to avoid, as far as possible, the overcrowding of houses in the town, suitable sites were selected at an easy distance from the town, and temporary sheds were constructed and tents pitched for occupation by the expected devotees. Needful steps were taken to repair the roads leading to the place, and those already existing in the town. A staff of sweepers were employed to keep the roads well swept, and proper supervision of the Sanitary staff was also provided for, ~~xxx~~ by the deputation of the Sanitary Inspector of the Hassan Municipality on special duty. The construction of necessary latrines both for males and females, on unobjectionable sites, for the camps and the employment of scavengers to ~~xxxx xxxxx~~ conserve them were attended to. Conservancy carts were employed ~~entertained~~ to remove the sweepings to a distant place, wherefrom they were permitted to be removed as manure. Carts and animals were not allowed to remain promiscuously in the town, or in the camp. A suitable space had been selected and set apart for that purpose. The flushing of drains was undertaken every day/~~xxxxx xx~~ during the period of the Jatra, and such lighting as was pssible was also provided for. The one important item that demanded close and constant attention was to keep the sources of drinking water free from contamination, so that there may be no dread of cholera As a precautionary measure, two Abyssinian tube wells (one borrowed from the Mysore District and the other belonging to this District), were fixed in position and in working

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order, so as to be ready for use at a moment's notice, should there be necessity to prohibit the use of other sources of water supply and require the people to take drinking water from these tube-wells only. But fortunately no such necessity arose.

4. The sources of water supply were severally allotted for purpose of washing, bathing and drinking, and these were announced to the public, by putting up proper notice boards near those sources of water supply. Strict Police watch was always maintained over the tanks etc., reserved for ~~taking~~ drinking water.

5. As the Jatra was anticipated to attract a large con--course of people, necessary medical aid was provided for. The Senior Surgeon was kind enough to depute one Sub Assis--tant Surgeon and a first class Hospital Assistant, to re--main at Shravanabelgola, with sufficient supply of medi--cines and appliances. This Gazetted Medical officer (Mr. K. Anantharamaiyer L.M.S) was the Special Sanitary Officer deputed for the Jatra, under the general supervision of the District Medical and Sani--tary Officer.

6. The cost of the above sanitary arrangements was sanc--tioned by Government to be met from the District Funds, to which the realisations from the levy of fees on markets and market sites, toll, pilgrim fee ~~etc.,~~ on foot paasengers coming to Shravanabelgola, were ordered to be credited (Vide Government Proccedings No. 7707-8/L.B.738-09-4 dated 2nd. March 1910 and J2550-3/ Police 148-09-2 dated 2nd. March 1910) The collection of toll and pilgrim-fee was put up to auction, soon after receipt of Government sanction there--to; but no proper bid was obtained.

7. In the meanwhile, the Jain inhabitants of Shravana--belgola submitted a petition praying that the levy of pilgrim-fee might not be given effect to, since the levy of such fee was an innovation and would be a disgrace to the

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hospitality of the Jains of Shravanabelgola. Before final disposal of the question, one Chennaveerasetty a contractor of Krishnarajpet, came forward offering to purchase the right of collecting toll on conveyances, market-fees etc., for Rs2,000/- promising not to collect pilgrim-fee. He deposited Rs500/- and offered to credit the balance, viz, Rs1,500/- within a few days after the acceptance of his offer.

8. On receipt of this petition I proceeded to Chennara-yapatna and Shravanabelgola, made enquires in the matter and finally informed the contractor, that if he paid up the balance of his offer viz Rs1,500/- that very day, his offer would be accepted. He accordingly paid into the Taluk Treasury that day the balance of Rs1,500/- where-upon his offer was accepted, and he was permitted to start his work of collection of all fees, other than pilgrim-fee, from the 7th. March 1910.

9. On the 5th. March 1910, I in company with the General Assistant Commissioner, District Medical and Sanitary Officer and the Amildar inspected the Sanitary and Police arrangements which had to be in good working order at Shravanabelgola and its suburbs during the jatra occasion, and needful instructions were given to the Local Authori-ties to set aright the defects observed and pointed out.

10. As regards Polce arrangements, I beg to state that/ finding that the number of our men and officers available for special duty, without prejudice to the usual Police duties of the District, was quite inadequate, the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, was addressed in the matter of deputing a sufficient number of extra men and officers, from the Provincial Reserve and adjoining Districts. He was pleased to depute a staff of 23 officers and 75 men. This force, being supplemented by the Hassan District Reserve and men, withdrawn from other Taluks of the District, consisting of 1 officer and 58 men, was carefully allocated to

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guard the important high roads leading to Shravanabelgola, for duty in the Jatra area, for patrol duty and also for detective duty. It is satisfactory to note that not a single high-road crime was committed, and there was only one instance of petty theft committed at Shravanabelgola itself during the Jatra.

11. Mr. C.Devaraj Urs General Assistant Commissioner and 1st class Magistrate, who was required to be at Shravanabelgola during the period of the festival, was specially invested with temporary summary powers, in Government Notification No. J2478/ Cts.179-09-2 dated 23rd. February 1910, so as to enable prompt disposal of criminal cases which were expected to be numerous during the period of the Jatra, but proved to be the contrary, as already stated above.

12. The preliminary ceremonies connected with the Mastakabishekam began on the 14th. March; but the influx of people increased as the day of abishekam (anointing) approached. The total number of devotees who gathered at the jatra was, as per statastics collected by the Police, about 24,000 persons. Of these, about 18,000 people were from outside the Province, (as may be seen from the enclosed statement), many of whom were most respectable and wealthy persons.

13. During the course of this festival, "The all-India Digambar Conference" was held in a spacious pendal erected by the Jains for the purpose, and it was presided over by Mr. ManikChand, J.P. of Bombay. The Conference sat for 4 days, from the 26th. to 29th. March 1910. Matters connected with the Jain religion, female education, opening of a Sanstrict college with a boarding house at Shravanabelgola etc., construction of a permanant steel scaffold and canopy for the colossal image of Gomateswara, were discussed and considered, and a sum of Rs 26,000/- is stated to have been collected for the above purposes. It may not be out of place to mention here, the one interesing feature of this conference, viz, that the ladies who had

had come from the Hidustan, freely mingled with the male members, and showed a keen interest in the deliberations of the Conference.

14. A few days before the Abishekam ceremony, I again went to Shravanabelgola and inspected all the arrangements and camped there until the end of March 1910. There was some difficulty about the temporary scaffolding, since it was slanting a little on account of its height and the heavy pressure of the high winds. In persuance of the in-structions of the Executive Engineer, all that was possible was done to avoid any danger.

15. On the 29th. March 1910, - aday previous to the im-portant ceremony- Mr. H.V.Nanjundaiya M.A.,M.L., the 2nd. Councillor, was pleased to motor to the place. On the evening of that day, he paid a visit to the Conference and was heartily welcomed by the President and the Committee members. On the following morning, the Councillor ascended the Doddabetta and gave necessary instructions in connec-tion with the impending important ceremony of that day. Mr. A.Subramanya Iyer B.A., the Muzarai Superintendent, was present on the occasion, as also Mr. V.Aiyaswamy Iyer B.A.,B.C.E., Executive Engineer Hassan Division.

16. We then inspected the Jain Bastis of the place, in-cluding the Bastis and inscriptions on the Indrabetta or Small hill. Each ~~was~~ one of these, was thronged with de-votees. The sight of these men, women and children, in various garbs, speaking different languages, was a very interesting one. In spite of these differences, all were equally devotional.

17. At about 2 P.M. on the 30th. March 1910, the actual Abishekam ceremony began to Sri Gomateswara, and it lasted that day, till about 7 P.M. The rush of people was great, and much energy and tact had to be used to keep back the rush of people into the precincts of the image, under the immediate supervision of Mr. C.Devaraj Urs General Assis-

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Assistant Commissioner, and Mr. M.P.Visvanath Rao District Superintendent of Police, Hassan. The abishekam ceremony was conducted on a few more succeding days, and the festi-val was brought to a close by the 5th. April 1910. During the period, everything went on smoothly and satisfactorily. After the close of the 1st. day's abishekam ceremony, the efflux of the devotees began, and by the 6th. April, al-most all the outsiders had left the place. Consequently, the Police force and Sanitary staff organised for the oc-casion, were broken up and discontinued.

18. Having thus stated in brief the arrangements con-nected with the jatra at Shravanabelgola, I think it ne-cessary to say a word, in conclusion, concerning the officers and men who worked with great zeal and earnestness. The General Assistant Commissioner Mr. C.Devaraj Urs, the Dis-trict Medical and Sanitary Officer Mr. G.Asirvatham M.B.& C.M., the District Superintendent of Police Mr. M.P.Vis-vanath Rao, and the acting Amildar Mr. C.Sreenivasa Rao, spared no pains to make the arrangements a success All the above officers cheerfully co-operated with each other, so as not to give any room for any sort of dis-satisfaction. The Provincial Reserve Police, under Mr. L.E. O'Doherty and the special duty Police officers and men de-puted from the Districts, did very good work, so as to de-serve appreciation from the Public.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

P.M. Weatherall

Deputy Commissioner and President,

District Board, Hassan.

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Statistics of people who visited Shravanabelgola in the Chennarayapatna Taluq, Hassan District, during the Mahamastakabishekam ceremony.

Native place of people.	number of people	Remarks.
Bombay	3786	
Kollapur	5006	
Kurundaravadu	1980	
Mysore Province	4653	
Delhi	1023	
Rajputana	1114	
South Canara	1487	
Coorg	1227	
Jayapur	791	
Marwar	421	
Benarese	845	
Madras	541	
Hydrabad Deccan	381	
Total	23,255	

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Signed by mrBTK

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To the President of the Board

Govt are glad to note that the necessary arrangements in connection with the Jatra were carried out in a satisfactory manner

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28 May/10